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SHEK LUNG	..	dep.	8.42		11.17		4.50			
Shum Chun	..	arr.	10.25		3.00		6.40			
		dep.	10.30		4.30	11.45	6.46	3.00	5.12	8.20
Sheung Shui	..	dep.		8.05	4.37	11.51		3.07	5.24	8.28
Fanling	..	dep.		8.13	4.42	11.57		3.11	5.28	8.30
Taipo Market	..	dep.		8.17	4.47	12.01		3.15	5.32	8.34
Taipo	..	dep.		8.23	4.54	12.08		3.22	5.42	8.40
Shatin	..	dep.		8.31	5.00	12.15		3.27	5.53	8.44
Yuenmati	..	dep.		8.44	5.14	12.34		3.40	6.08	8.56
Hunghom	..	dep.		8.56	5.29	12.36		3.55	6.19	9.07
KOWLOON	..	arr.		9.03	5.35	12.45		3.53	6.22	
		arr.	11.10	8.45	5.38	12.48	7.25	4.01	6.25	7.15

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Stations			No. 4 Local. a.m.	No. 6 Through Express. a.m.	No. 8 Through Slow. a.m.	No. 10 Local. a.m.	No. 12 Local. p.m.	No. 18 Through Express. p.m.	No. 20 Local. p.m.	No. 22 Local. p.m.
Last Ferry leaves										
KOWLOON	..	H.K.	6.35	7.55	8.05	10.15	1.05	2.15	3.05	5.05
Hunghom	..	dep.	6.50	8.05	8.20	10.35	1.15	2.30	3.15	5.15
Yuenmati	..	dep.	6.54	—	8.25	10.37	1.22	—	3.22	5.22
Shatin	..	dep.	7.01	—	8.32	10.44	1.33	—	3.30	5.33
Taipo	..	dep.	7.13	—	8.44	10.57	1.40	—	3.41	5.40
Taipo Market	..	dep.	7.26	—	9.00	11.10	1.53	—	3.54	5.53
Fanling	..	dep.	7.31	—	10.05	11.14	1.57	—	3.58	5.57
Sheungshui	..	dep.	7.41	—	10.17	11.24	2.07	—	4.07	6.06
Shum Chun	..	dep.	7.45	—	10.21	11.28	2.11	—	4.11	6.10
		arr.	7.50	8.45	10.26	11.33	2.16	—	4.16	6.15
SHEK LUNG	..	dep.	—	8.53	10.40	—	—	2.45	—	—
CANTON (	sa)	arr.	—	10.40	2.15	—	—	5.30	—	—
			—	11.	2.10	—	—	5.40	—	—

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SUPREME COURT.

APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION CAPITAL.

Before the Chief Justice Sir Wm. Rees Davies, yesterday, Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley) made an application on behalf of the Kau Lung Sze Yuck Kai Fong Ferry Company, Ltd., for permission to reduce the Company's capital from $30,000, divided into 6,000 shares of $5 each, to $4,800 capital, in 6,000 shares of 80 cents each. Reading the affidavit, Counsel said that the Company was incorporated in Hongkong on February 16th, 1917, as a company limited by shares. The registered office of the Company was situated at No. 1, Nam Cheung Street, Sam Shui Po, Hongkong. The objects for which the Company were established were (a) to acquire and take over from Sze Yuck Steam Launch Company the business of running ferry boats from Sam Shui Po and Mong Kok Tsui to Victoria, Hongkong; (b) to run ferries within the territorial waters of the Colony of Hongkong, including the New Territories; and other objects set forth in the Memorandum of Articles of Association.

The capital of the Company was $30,000, divided into 6,000 shares of $5 each. Shortly after its incorporation the Company commenced and has since carried on business."

The Company has issued all its shares (6,000 shares) of which 2,705 were issued as fully paid up, but ranking for dividend at $3.33 per share only, being the consideration for the transfer of the assets of the said Sze Yeuk Steam Launch Company, and the remaining 3,295 shares were issued payable in cash, and the sum of $5 per share has been fully paid upon such 3,295 shares.

By its Memorandum of Association the Company is authorized from time to time to reduce its capital, and by Clause 44 of the Articles of Association comprised in Table A, in the first schedule to the Companies' Ordinance, 1911, which apply to the Company, it is provided that the Company may, by special resolution, reduce its capital in any manner and with and subject to any incident authorized, and consent required by law.

By special resolution of the Company, duly passed and confirmed in accordance with Section 70 of the Companies' Ordinance, 1911, at extraordinary general meetings thereof, held on the 14th and 29th days of November, 1918, respectively, it was resolved "that the capital of the Company, now consisting of $30,000, divided into 6,000 fully paid ordinary shares of $5 each, be reduced to $4,800, dividend into 6,000 fully paid ordinary shares of 80 cents each, by the cancellation of $25,000 capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets.

Previously to the passing of such special resolution, paid up capital of the Company to the extent of $25,000 had been lost or was unrepresented by available assets.

The reduction of the capital did not involve either the diminution of any liability in respect of unpaid capital or the payment to any shareholders of any paid up capital.

The form of the minute proposed to be registered was as follows: "The capital of the Kau Lung Sze Yuek Kai Fong Ferry Company, Ltd., and reduced henceforth, is $4,800, divided into 6,000 shares of 80 cents each, instead of the original capital of $30,000 divided into 6,000 shares of $5 each. At the time of the registration of this minute, the sum of 80 cents has been, and is to be, deemed to be paid up on each of the said shares."

Continuing, Counsel said (1) that the petitioner's humble prayers were that the reduction of the capital to be affected by the special resolution mentioned in paragraph 8 of the petition may be confirmed, and that the above mentioned minute may be approved by the Court; (2) that the addition of the words "and reduced" to the Company's name may be dispensed with altogether; (3) or that such other order may be made in the premises as to which the Court shall see fit.

His Lordship granted the application.

A RICKSHA-COOLIES' STRIKE.

The Police, on Sunday night, dispersed a crowd of ricksha and chair coolies, who were evidently discussing the desirability of going on strike. It is stated that after 11 p.m. on Sunday, the coolies refused to take any "fares" owing to a dispute between two clans. On receipt of information that fighting was likely to take place the Police went to Connaught Road and dispersed the crowd. There the quarrel seemed to have ended, and the men resumed their usual avocations.

On Monday night, however, certain individual ricksha coolies of the Hoklo clan resented a Chin-chow coolie plying for hire, and a fight ensued. The men were produced at the Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

The complainant stated that whilst he was carrying a Chinese passenger along Des Vœux Road the defendants stopped his ricksha and assaulted him. His "fare" jumped out of the ricksha and escaped without paying. Witness had pains all over the body, as a result of the belabouring he received.

Mr. Melbourne remanded case for further evidence.

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The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 7th December is as follows:—

	Receipts for week	Aggregate receipts for 49 weeks
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Last Year	12 051	659,660
Increase	1,752	17,090

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

YESTERDAY'S FORMAL MEETING.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 12.30 p.m. yesterday.

The following were present:—

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Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK.

Hon. Mr. HO FOOK.

Hon. Mr. S. H. DODWELL.

Mr. A. DYER BALL (Clerk of Councils).

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table Sessional Papers Nos. 11 and 12—Papers and Correspondence relating to the signing of the Armistice between the Allied Powers and Germany and the Quarterly Returns of Excesses on sub-heads met by savings under heads of expenditure.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL TREASURER, by command of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table Financial Minutes Nos. 84 to 104 and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and this was agreed to.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION ORDINANCE, 1918.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled, "An Ordinance to amend further the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The "Objects and Reasons" state:—"This bill amends the definition of the term "arms" in the principal Ordinance so as to make it include air guns. There have been recent cases in Hongkong where injury has been caused by the use of air guns. One case resulted in the loss of an eye."

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Council adjourned and a meeting of the Finance Committee was held, the Colonial Secretary presiding:—

RAINSTORM DAMAGES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand dollars in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent.

Kowloon, Miscellaneous, (34) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages	$1,000
New Territories, Miscellaneous, (45) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages	1,000
Total	$2,000

The CHAIRMAN—This expenditure was necessitated by the heavy rains.

The vote was agreed to.

MAGISTRACY.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand seven hundred dollars in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, *B.*—Magistracy, Personal Emoluments.

The CHAIRMAN—This is due to the transfer of Mr. Wolfe, who was made Police Magistrate, from dollar to sterling pay. It is merely a matter of adjustment. It includes £150 duty pay.

The vote was agreed to.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of thirty dollars in aid of the vote Attorney-General's Department, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

The vote was agreed to.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FEES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of three hundred and forty dollars in aid of the vote Education Department, Queen's College, Other Charges, University Examination Fees.

The CHAIRMAN—The vote is $220. Increased attendance accounts for this excess.

The vote was agreed to.

BOUNDARY STONES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (22) Boundary Stones.

The CHAIRMAN—The vote of $1,000 was found not to be sufficient.

The vote was agreed to.

FILTER BEDS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, Water Works, (46) Maintenance of Laichikok.

The CHAIRMAN—Two filter beds were choked and had to be re-laid.

The vote was agreed to.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand six hundred dollars in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages.

The CHAIRMAN—Members will doubtless remember the large block in the line caused by the heavy land-slides. This money was needed to repair the damage.

The vote was agreed to.

PATH TO TREGUNTER MANSIONS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a of four thousand four hundred and fifty-eight dollars in aid of the vote Public Works Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communication, (5) Roads, (c) Path from May Road Station to Tregunter Mansions.

The CHAIRMAN—The vote was for $2,200, but there was much more rock cutting and nullah training than was expected.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Is this the final payment?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes. The path is finished and has been opened.

The vote was agreed to.

CAR SHELTER AT DEEP WATER BAY.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand six hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Erection of a Car Shelter at Deep Water Bay.

The vote was agreed to.

COMMUNICATION WITH OUTLYING ISLANDS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of five thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, Telephonic Communication with outlying Islands.

The CHAIRMAN—The sum of $24,000 is in the estimates but the work has been pushed forward and it is expected that $5,000 will be spent this year.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Which are the Islands?

The CHAIRMAN—Tai O and Cheung Chow.

The vote was agreed to.

NEW ROAD TRACES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of nine hundred dollars in aid of the vote Botanical and Forestry Department, Other Charges, Brushwood Clearing.

The CHAIRMAN—In connection with the tracing for new roads a great amount of brush-wood had to be cleared up.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Might I mention again the subject I brought to the notice of the Council some months back regarding making a forestry path up from the western side of Repulse Bay to the gap above Tytam. I do not know if any steps have been taken to do this.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—I am not aware that any steps have been taken.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I will move that the path should be made. I am not asking for a motor road; only a forestry path.

The CHAIRMAN—I will take a note of it.

The vote was agreed to.

ROAD FROM TYTAM TUK DAM TO TYTAM GAP.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of five thousand four hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (5) Roads: (*b*) Tytam Tuk to Tytam Gap—New road from north end of Tytam Tuk Dam to Tytam Gap.

The CHAIRMAN—The work has gone on quicker than was expected. The estimates next year will be reduced by a corresponding amount.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—When will this road be through?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—This section is practically completed but the old road has still to undergo improvement from Shaukiwan to the Gap.

The vote was agreed to.

MAINTENANCE OF NULLAHS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand five hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works Recurrent, Kowloon, Drainage, (28) Maintenance of Sewers, Nullahs, etc.

The CHAIRMAN—This is partly due to the heavy rains washing sand and debris into the nullahs and partly due to the rise on the price of materials.

The vote was agreed to.

TAI O POLICE STATION.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of six thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, Buildings, (37) Maintenance of Buildings.

The CHAIRMAN—This is for the practical reconstruction of the Tai O Police Station.

The vote was agreed to.

RENT ALLOWANCE AND STATIONERY.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of thirty-six thousand two hundred and sixty dollars in aid of the following votes:—

Miscellaneous Services.	
Language Study Allowance	$ 150
New Government Officers.	
Electric Fans and Light	650
Rent Allowance	17,460
Stationery	18,000
Total	$36,260

The CHAIRMAN—Regarding the Language Study allowance the vote of $1,300 was not sufficient; the $150 is an addition. The amount of $650 is required in excess of the vote for fares and electric lighting. With regard to the rent allowance the original vote was for $30,000 but it was very difficult to foretell the exact amount required. The total expenditure has been $47,460.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Does this refer to the rent allowance for Government servants; the sub-heading is rather misleading.

The CHAIRMAN—Yes. With respect to the stationery considerable bills from England have to be met. The prices have gone up enormously.

The vote was agreed to.

LIGHTING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of ten thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Lighting, (10) Gas Lighting, City and Suburbs and Hill District.

The CHAIRMAN—The contract of the Gas Company was for ten years from July, 1910, but they made representations that the cost of materials, coal especially, had gone up enormously and the Government considered the matter and allowed 20 per cent. rebate from the 1st January this year.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK—Might I ask for an improvement in the lighting in the road from Victoria Gap to Plantation Road. It is being used very considerably now that the tramway is undergoing alterations and the present lighting is very bad.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—A light also seems badly wanted below Craigieburn outside the side entrance to the Peak Club.

The CHAIRMAN—I will make a note of the suggestions.

The vote was agreed to.

RESUMPTION OF LAND.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of three hundred and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and seven dollars and ninety cents in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, Resumption of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 83 and Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1178.

The CHAIRMAN—I think members are aware that this is the lot known as Macdonald's lot in Hunghom. The Government want to resume it for future extensions to the railway and so on.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—There was a Board to assess compensation I suppose.

The CHAIRMAN—The matter was very fully gone into.

The vote was agreed to.

LAUNCH REPAIRS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of three hundred dollars in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Launch, Steam Barges, etc., Repairs.

The vote was agreed to.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN KOWLOON.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand two hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, (36) Shelter in Children's Playground.

The CHAIRMAN—The sum of $3,500 appears in the estimates but the cost of materials for a tiled roof and so on have gone up and this additional sum is required.

Hon. Mr. DODWELL—Is it not possible to have a children's playground at the Peak?

The CHAIRMAN—The question of utilising the triangle between Chamberlain Road and Mt. Kellett Road is being considered. There is already one below the road but the children, or rather the amahs, won't go down there. The triangle suggested is about the only piece of vacant ground.

The vote was agreed to.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the following votes:—

Imports and Exports Department, Other Charges, Factory, Miscellaneous Stores	$ 200
Factory, Fuel	750
Total	$ 950

The vote was agreed to.

PAVILION FOR POLICE R.C.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of five thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary, Buildings, Erection of a Pavilion for the Police Recreation Club.

The CHAIRMAN—The Police Recreation Club formerly had a matshed which was in a very bad condition. They approached the Government on the subject and the Government erected a pavilion at a cost of $11,000. The building is completed up to the roof level and this vote is now asked for. The work will be completed early next year.

The vote was agreed to.

COUNCIL RESUMES.

The Council then resumed and the Colonial Secretary reported that Financial Minutes 84 to 104 had been passed by the Finance Committee without amendment and moved that they be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

Council then adjourned *sine die*.

The references made at the Council to the retirement of the Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson will be found in another column.

RETIREMENT OF THE HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON.

THIRTY YEARS' VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE COLONY.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, the Colonial Treasurer, retired, yesterday, from the Service of which, for the past thirty years, he has been a very valuable member, and there were several notable gatherings of his colleagues and friends to bear testimony to his long and honourable record in the Colony and to the esteem in which he is held.

CIVIL SERVICE PRESENTATION.

The members of the Civil Service assembled in the Council Chamber at noon, when H.E. the Officer Administering the Government presented to Mr. Thomson, on their behalf, a silver cigarette-box engraved with the signatures of all his colleagues. Among those present were the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Dr. J. T. C. Johnson, Commander C. W. M. Beckwith, R.N., Messrs. S. B. C. Ross, G. H. Wakeman, E. D. C. Wolfe, D. W. Trotman, T. L. Perkins, C. H. Gale, A. Gibson, H. R. Phelips, H. A. Nisbet, W. J. Tutcher, H. P. Winslow, T. F. Claxton, G. N. Orme, R. Baker, C. W. Jeffries, James Macdonald, P. P. J. Wodehouse, T. H. King, J. R. Wood, J. W. Franks, C. D. Melbourne, A. E. Wood, R. E. Lindsell, A. Dyer Ball, W. Schofield, E. W. Hamilton, R. F. Bryan, P. Jacks, and L. Longinetto.

H.E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT said:—Mr. Thomson,—It was felt by your colleagues in the Service that on the occasion of your retirement they would like you to have something which would remind you of the years spent by you in Hongkong, and I think it was a happy idea that led to the suggestion that the signatures of your friends should be engraved on a box made of that fickle metal that has caused our hopes to rise and fall and rise again during the past quarter of a century. The signatures are those with which you have been most familiar in the course of your official duties. They have been appended to minutes in which commendation and criticism have been passed on your actions; they may, perhaps, occasionally have been used to round off a reproachful peroration, or to ratify an expression of seemly gratitude for some unexpected liberality from a source not always sympathetic. But whatever the occasions in the past may have been, these signatures are now given into your possession as a sure token of the great regard, and I may say, the affection that is felt for you in this Service. As a comparative newcomer, I am very proud to have the honour of making this presentation. Before I arrived here your name had been mentioned to me by officers in the Straits Settlements, who retained happy memories of your kindness to them when passing through their apprenticeship in these parts. Personal acquaintance has taught me to appreciate your great gifts, and I can fully share in the deep feeling of regret that is felt by the Service that the time has come for you to lay down your official pen. That you may have every happiness in your retirement is our sincere hope, and you will carry with you the best wishes of the whole service of which you have been such a loyal and distinguished member.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, in returning thanks, remarked that it was over thirty years since he first arrived in Hongkong. Two good things had happened, or rather eventuated, during that period. One gratifying fact was that he still enjoyed fairly good health. He was retiring whilst in the enjoyment of a state of health not generally vouchsafed to members of the Service. The second gratifying fact—judging from his reception that day and from the kind expressions used by His Excellency on behalf of all present—was that all his enemies were dead. (Laughter and applause). He had to tender his best thanks to them for their kindness and for the flattering terms used by His Excellency in presenting him with the very handsome souvenir of his years in Hongkong, and to express every hope that they would all remain satisfied and happy for the remainder of their time in the Colony. It then only remained for him to bid them farewell.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe then called for three cheers and a tiger for "Sandy." These were very heartily given, and the gathering dispersed.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S TRIBUTE.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of a special meeting of the Legislative Council called for 12.30, HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT said:—As Honourable Members are no doubt aware, Mr. Thomson, the Treasurer of the Colony, is retiring from the Public Service to-day on the expiration of 31 years service. After a brilliant career at Aberdeen University, an institution that has given many distinguished men to the service of the Empire, Mr. Thomson was appointed a Cadet Officer at the end of the year 1887, and in accordance with the custom of that period passed nearly a year in the Colonial Office. It is more than twenty-five years since he first sat as a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and for more than twenty years he has sat as Colonial Secretary and as Treasurer on both Councils continuously, which constitutes a record for any officer in the history of the Colony. It is a record of very honourable and useful service for which the Government is deeply grateful. Mr. Thomson's advice on the various financial questions that have arisen during his term of office has been of immense service to the Administration. The Colony has passed through times of difficulty when it was essential that expenditure should be carefully safeguarded, and it is much to be regretted that in these times of increased prosperity the Government will no longer have the services of an officer whose advice on the financing of many important matters now under consideration would be of the greatest assistance. The post of Treasurer is one, that, apart from its heavy responsibility, demands from its holder certain rare qualities of discretion in carefully interpreting the laws under which the revenues are collected. There are matters in which even the most carefully worded enactment occasionally leaves room for ambiguity, and while guarding the public revenues Mr. Thomson has adopted a reasonable attitude which has, I think, been recognised by those members of the public with whom he has been brought into contact. By his colleagues in the Service Mr. Thomson has always been held in the highest estimation; and their personal regard for him was shown only a few minutes ago in this room when the honour fell to me of making him a presentation. In bidding farewell to him in this Council I desire on behalf of the Official and Unofficial Members to assure him that our best wishes will accompany him in his retirement, with a fervent hope that in a better climate he may be entirely restored to health and may live for many years to enjoy his well-earned repose.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK—On behalf of the unofficial members of this Council, I desire to state that we associate ourselves most cordially with the sentiments in regard to the retiring Treasurer which Your Excellency has just expressed. Formerly, as Attorney-General, and, latterly, as an unofficial member of Council, I have sat in this Council for a period of over 15 years at the same table as the hon. member now retiring, and I can safely say, sir, from that long experience, that I have never met a man who so combined the qualities of sterling commonsense with the facility of going straight and direct to the very heart of the matter under discussion. As Your Excellency has pointed out, Mr. Thomson has had a very long and distinguished period of service in this Colony, and I hope, sir, I am not infringing any rule of etiquette when I say that there is a somewhat general desire among the people in this Colony, if it would please H.M. the King to give Mr. Thomson some mark of recognition for the long and distinguished service which you, sir, have referred to. Mr. Thomson, in the course of his long residence in the Colony, has made a very great many friends, and he will carry away with him, on his departure, the cordial good wishes of the members of the community of Hongkong.

The Hon. COLONIAL TREASURER—As has been remarked, it is over 25 years since I first took my seat on this Council, and I am very much obliged for the kind expressions which have fallen from Your Excellency and from my hon. friend on my left. My experience of the Council has always been a happy one. Such small "scraps" as have occurred have left no mark on the general good-feeling prevailing. I am sorry to go. I may say that it is the most painful thing that has happened in my life up to date to have to take leave of you to-day. I beg to thank you for your kind wishes, sir, and to say farewell.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

A SOUVENIR FROM THE TREASURY STAFF.

A souvenir was presented to Mr. Thomson, yesterday afternoon, by the Treasury staff.

Before reading an illuminated address which had been prepared, Mr. E. A. Carvalho, the *cashier*, expressed the genuine regret of the staff at their severance from Mr. Thomson, who, during his long association with them, had thoroughly endeared himself to each one by his constant kindness and never-failing sympathy. They wished him a long and happy life in the retirement he had so richly earned and hoped that his memories of Hongkong would be happy ones.

Mr. Carvalho then read the address, which was signed by the whole staff, and which was handsomely bound in morocco leather. The handsome black-wood box, in which it was enclosed, was inlaid with silver, the design of a junk in the moonlight being ingrained into the cover.

Mr. THOMSON thanked the staff for their kindly thought in presenting him with such a handsome souvenir.

Mr. THOMSON leaves the Colony by the *Shinyo Maru* on December 18th.

POLICE RESERVE PRESENTATION.

TO THE EX-CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

The different units of the Hongkong Police Reserve assembled in the Central Police Station Quadrangle, yesterday evening, for the purpose of making a presentation to the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, who is vacating the office of Captain-Superintendent of Police, in order to undertake the duties of Colonial Treasurer.

The Police Reserve was under the command of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R), assisted by Mr. J. W. Franks, A.S.P. (R), and Mr. T. F. Hough, A.S.P. (R). Dr. Jordan, the Surgeon Superintendent, was also present. The force was drawn up in square formation, and Mr. Messer was received with the general salute.

Mr. F. C. JENKIN then said:—Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, on behalf of every member and every rank of the Police Reserve—British, Portuguese, Indian and Chinese—I beg to ask your acceptance of this silver salver as a token of our respect and our affection. The presentation of this salver is the outcome of a suggestion made by the men themselves, and was not inspired by anybody from Headquarters. In the time at my disposal it is impossible for me adequately to review what you have done for the Regular and Police Reserve Forces, particularly the latter, during the four years they have been under your command. What you have done can be generally stated by referring to the fact that it has been your policy at all times to give to us the greatest encouragement, and in that you have been followed by your brother Superintendents and other officers of the Regular Police, who have extended to us the greatest courtesy and, greatest of all, placed in us a very great deal of trust. I refer, in saying that, to the fact that at all times you have given us permission to organise ourselves in whatever way we thought best, relying always on myself and my brother officers in every branch of the Police Reserve to carry out whatever you required in the way of duty. It is that characteristic of your administration which has been most acceptable to us, and which has made us loyal to you, and which has been the greatest incentive to the proper performance of the duties you have called upon us to perform. Time has not permitted us to suitably inscribe the silver salver, but it will be done forthwith, and it will bear upon it *fac-simile* signatures of representative members of each unit in the Police Reserve. We trust that in future years it will serve to bring to your recollection, possibly sometimes with some amusement, what this citizen force of various nationalities has done by way of assisting in the policing of the large territories over which you have ruled. It will also serve to remind you of the great respect and affection which everyone, from myself downwards, have for you. Eight hundred men or more have passed under your command, and I feel that whatever I am saying to-day is echoed by every one of those now present, those absent on duty, and those who cannot be here but who are serving in other parts of the Empire. The salver will bear the following inscription:—

"To the Honourable Mr. Charles McIlvaine Messer, O.B.E., M.A., Captain Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, February 14th, 1914, to December 10th, 1918.

"Presented by the Superintendents, Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables of the Hongkong Police Reserve Force and intended by them to serve as a tribute to the constant personal attention and consideration which you at all times gave to the 830 men of all ranks who have been on the strength of the Force during the world-war, 1914-1918."

I beg you to accept this token of our respect.

Hon. Mr. MESSER, in returning thanks, spoke of the assistance rendered by the Police Reserve to the Regular Police. The Colony was greatly indebted to the Police Reserve for the preservation of peace and for freedom from disorders during the war, which was now finished. Had it not been for the efforts of the Police Reserve the Regular Police would not have been able to carry on. The Police Reserve was organised by Mr. Jenkin and was a unique force without any parallel the world over. They had always attended to their duties diligently, and had assisted in every way in the policing of the Colony. He mentioned the way in which Mr. Jenkin, Inspector Roylance, and Chief Inspector Mason had drilled the men night after night until the present state of efficiency had been reached. The Police Reserve had not only performed useful functions, but had also provided the Colony with various amusements, which had helped considerably the cause of charity, especially in connection with the raising of subscriptions for the dependents of those members of the Regular Police who had lost their lives in the course of duty. He hoped the great assistance they had given him would be available to his successor. He thanked them very much for their present, which he would always value.

The Force then re-formed and marched past to the music of the Police Reserve band, Mr. McI. Messer taking the salute. Before the order to dismiss was given Mr. Jenkin called for three cheers for the C.S.P., which were heartily given.

A FERTILE IMAGINATION.

WOMAN'S STORY OF KIDNAPPED CHILD.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, two Chinese women were charged with kidnapping a little boy, five years of age, from the custody of his mother.

Inspector Terret, who prosecuted, stated that the child in question had been living with his adopted mother in Lower Lascar Road. The first defendant, who was a friend of the family, took the child out for a walk, and did not return for several hours. The mother, becoming alarmed, went in search of the child and met defendant in Hollywood Road alone. She enquired where her child was and defendant replied that he had been kidnapped by a man. The mother then asked the woman to accompany her to the Police Station to inform the Police and there the first defendant related a very clever story to the effect that while she was walking along Hollywood Road she met a man, who asked her where she was going with the child, and accused her of being a kidnapper. She denied the allegation, and thereupon the man invited her to accompany him to the Police Station with the child. She consented and, on their way, they were met by another man, who charged both of them with kidnapping. This man was evidently a confederate of the first man, and when the woman stated that the child belonged to her friend, he insisted that she should accompany him to the house. The woman was so bewildered that she acquiesced, and, leaving the child in the care of one of the men, conducted the other to her friend's house. On the way, however, he disappeared, and, realising that she had been duped, the woman went back to the place where she had left the child with the first man and found that they had disappeared.

Inspector Terret stated that subsequently, on information received, the Police arrested the second woman, who was the "go-between" for the sale of the child.

Mr. Wood remanded the case for a week.

"A BAD FAMILY."

STARTING IN BUSINESS WITH A DAGGER AND $2.90.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese youth was charged with being in unlawful possession of a dagger and $2.90.

Sergt. Blackman stated that defendant was arrested in Wanchai with the dagger. The lad belonged to a very bad family; his father and brother were serving terms of imprisonment, while defendant was well-known as a snatcher and pick-pocket in Wanchai.

Defendant stated that his aunt gave him $2.90 with which to buy a hawker's licence and start in business. He intended to use the dagger for the purpose of cutting fruit.

Sergt. Blackman informed the Magistrate that the boy's aunt denied giving him the money.

Mr. Melbourne sentenced defendant to receive ten strokes with the birch and to be imprisoned for 24 hours. The $2.90 was placed in the poor-box.

A WOMAN OPIUM SMUGGLER

FINED $600.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese woman pleaded guilty to being in unlawful possession of five taels of prepared opium, other than Government opium.

Sergeant Fallon informed the Magistrate that, on information received, he boarded a Taiping junk, accompanied by a woman searcher. He found the old woman he was looking for, and had her searched by the female attendant. Five taels of opium were found concealed underneath the pair of trousers she was wearing.

Defendant stated that an unknown man gave her the opium to carry and then disappeared.

Mr. Melbourne fined defendant $600, with the alternative of six months' hard labour.

SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

HARD COURT LEAGUE.

The positions of the teams in the Hard Court competitions which are being played under the auspices of the Hongkong Junior Tennis League are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	P.
Kowloon	5	3	0	6
St. Stephen's College	1	1	0	2
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	1	1	0	2
H.M. Dockyard	2	0	2	0
88th Co. R.G.A.	3	0	3	0

The fixtures for Saturday, the 14th, are as follows:—

Kowloon *v.* Chinese Y.M.C.A., at Kowloon.

St. Stephen's College *v.* 88th Co. R.G.A., at St. Stephen's College.

THE POLICE RESERVE FANCY DRESS BALL.

The Invitation Committee in connection with Friday's Fancy Dress Ball will attend at the Police Reserve Club, Prince's Buildings, on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m., for the purpose of issuing invitation cards. The list will then close, and no invitation will be issued after December 11th.

Members and their guests are reminded that the dancing will commence at 9.15 p.m. sharp.

The judging for the prizes to be presented for the most original dress made of calico will take place after the Lancers (5th dance).

A Naval String Band will be in attendance.

Drinks, other than those provided at supper, will be obtainable only on presentation of coupons, which can be purchased at the ball. No chits will be accepted.

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IN connection with the forthcoming RIFLE MEETING there will be a "BISLEY" COMPETITION open to all comers, (200, 500 and 600 yards) to be fired on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. Firing to commence at 1 P.M. Entrance fee 50 cents per competitor who must provide his own ammunition (24 rounds in all).

Entries, accompanied by entrance fees, to be sent to the Hon. secretary, L/Corpl. F. A. WELLS, c o Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, not later than NOON on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

A squadding card will be sent to each competitor in due course.

There will also be an open Service Revolver Competition on 28th and 28th December, (all day), 20 yards, 6 shots, deliberate, Bisley Targets. Unlimited entries which can be made at the Range at 20 cents per 6 shots.

Programme and entrance forms can be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary, as above, or at H.K.D.C. Headquarters on and after December 12th.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES," will be received at this Office until NOON on WEDNESDAY the 18TH day of DECEMBER, 1918, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1919.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the *bonâ fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Deposit required with tender.
		$
Tsat Tsz Mui No. 2	12.02	250
Shaukiwan Nos. 3 and 4 ...	73.90	900
Hok Un No. 6	8.44	700
Ma Tau Kok No. 7	6.70	200
Do No. 8	4.60	500
Jordan Road No. 10	4.65	200
Yaumati No. 11	2.98	130
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	2.00	300
Do Nos. 1-5, 7, 8,		
Do Nos. 10, 12,		
Do Nos 20 & 25.	10.12	350
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Do Nos. 21 & 22.	3.90	100
Cha Kwo Liang Nos. 1-30 ...	24.56	500
Sai Tso Wan Nos. 1-16...	16.53	140
Lyemun Nos. 1 25...	26.44	600
Do No. 26 ...	2.10	40
Fuk Tsun Heung No. 12 ...	4 29	250
Taing I No. 1 ... ...|	2.35	40

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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SIX-ROUND WELTER-WEIGHT CONTEST.

Private Finlay (Army). v. Leading Stoker Houchin (Navy).

SIX-ROUND FEATHER-WEIGHT CONTEST.

Private Wendleken (Army). v. Seaman Danyers (Navy).

SIX-ROUND MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST.

Stoker Brown (Navy). v. Private Morrison (Army).

SIX-ROUND FEATHER-WEIGHT CONTEST.

Gunner Sainsbury (Army). v. Private Johnson (Army).

SPECIAL FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST FOR THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

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EXTRA SPECIAL TWENTY-ROUND CONTEST FOR THE BANTAM-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

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REFEREE:—H. J. GEDGE, Esq.

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INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 11TH day of DECEMBER, 1918, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions the following Resolutions, viz.:—

(1) That it is desirable to reconstruct this Company, and accordingly that this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Hugh Frank Campbell of St. George's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchant, be appointed, Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up at a remuneration of One hundred dollars.

(2) That the General Managers of this Company, be authorised and requested to form and procure to be incorporated, a new Company to be called the "China Light & Power Company (1918), Ltd." (of which they shall be appointed by Agreement General Managers) with the objects *(inter alia)* of acquiring the undertaking, business, goodwill machinery, plant, book-debts and all other assets whatsoever of this Company, and of carrying on business in or near Kowloon and/or elsewhere if thought desirable with Messrs Shewan Tomes & Co., Hongkong, and their successors in business as General Managers so long as the General Managers for the time being (if a corporation) or (if an unincorporated firm) any one or more partner or partners in the firm of the General Managers individually or collectively shall hold not less than one thousand shares of the Company.

(3) That the proposed Memorandum and Articles of such new Company submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved and that the Liquidator be authorized to consent to the registration of such new Company with such Memorandum and Articles accordingly.

(4) That the draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting (marked "A") and expressed to be made between this Company and the Liquidator of the one part and The China Light & Power Company (1918), Ltd. of the other part be approved; and that the Liquidator be authorised pursuant to section 185 of the Companies' Ordinance, 1911, to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (when Incorporated) in the terms of the said draft and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as he with the approval of the General Managers of the new Company thinks fit.

(5) That the Liquidator be authorised to obtain advances from the General Managers of any monies requisite upon such terms as he thinks fit.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1918.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE No. 43/224, dated Hongkong 1st July, 1907, for Five Shares numbered 85159 to 85163 inclusive, all Registered in the name of ANNIE MARION HARVEY, has been LOST or STOLEN and should this Provisional Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 5th January, 1919, a new Certificate for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Provisional Certificate No. 43/224 will thereafter be treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By the Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 5th. 1918. [2765

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of December, 1918, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Yaumati, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of HIS MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 11TH, 1918.

THE FATE OF THE GERMAN COLONIES.

ALTHOUGH, as MR. WALTER LONG stated at Bristol, there is no desire to enlarge the British Empire, which already embraces more than one-fifth the area and population of the earth, the simplest—and, dare we say, the best?—method of dealing with the Colonies wrested from Germany seems to be to leave them under the British flag, save, perhaps, where they are contiguous to the territories of our Allies, as, for example, Togoland and the Cameroons. This view, it will be noticed, is taken not only by our own Government but also by Col. ROOSEVELT, and is strongly endorsed wherever those most closely concerned—the natives—have been consulted. We have previously discussed the alternatives, and to each of them there are obvious objections. Any scheme of international control, for instance, such as has been advocated in Labour manifestoes and elsewhere, would tend to retard progress, as experience has shown in Egypt, and to create friction between the Powers. Least of all, can the idea be entertained of restoring the colonies to Germany that she may convert them into centres of naval activity and military organisation, or continue the cruel and even barbarous treatment of the inhabitants which has always characterised her rule. It is not without significance that it is those responsible for inflicting upon the world the sorrows and sufferings of the past four years who have always clamoured for the return to Germany of her colonies. The question is one that affects the future of every nation. Apart from humanitarian considerations, who would welcome the Germans as neighbours after the repeated revelations of their plots to incite risings among native races throughout the world? Our Overseas Dominions have made it perfectly clear that they are anxious for Germany to be kept at a safe distance from them, and we need have no doubt that the same feeling prevails in the colonial possessions of France, Italy, Portugal, and Belgium. It may be that the German colonies will be accepted as part payment of the heavy indemnity due from our enemies for their crimes, but that, of course, is a detail. The important point is that they must not be allowed to revert to their former ownership. Of this Germany cannot complain, for not only has she shown herself unfit to be trusted, but it will be remembered that when she made a bid for our neutrality on the eve of war she declined to give any undertaking that France, defeated, should retain her colonies. As a matter of fact, if there has been any real change of heart in Germany, and the ambitious designs of the pan-Germans are abandoned, the nation should feel little regret at the loss of their oversea possessions, especially if that loss lightens the bill which the Allies have to present, for the German colonies have always been a drain upon the Fatherland, though there is reason to anticipate that they will justify the money expended on them. It cannot be pretended that Germany requires them for her surplus population, because, although they have an area of over a million square miles, they contained less than 30,000 European residents and the majority of those were either officials or soldiers. The German emigrant much preferred to go to other parts of the world, where there were better opportunities of making money and greater freedom. Nor can it be maintained that Germany needs her colonies in order to obtain raw materials, because hitherto most of these have been drawn from other sources, principally the British Empire. It is probable that for a time Germany will experience some difficulty in obtaining supplies and that her sons will find themselves outcasts among the nations, but that will be a part of her just punishment.

A few Hongkong residents are entertaining about 230 men of the Garrison at dinner in the Theatre of the Naval Canteen on Friday night to celebrate the victory of the Allies.

The Assistant Chinese Brigadier General, who was charged with assaulting a Corporal in the Chinese Army, was fined $25 by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy, yesterday.

We regret to learn that Mr. Denman Fuller is seriously indisposed. He is at the Peak Hospital, and it is not expected that he will be able to attend to any of his ordinary duties until the end of the month.

A "Bisley" competition, open to all comers, has been arranged in connection with the Hongkong Defence Corps Rifle meeting on December 28th. There will also be an open Service revolver competition on December 26th and 28th.

The following cases of communicable diseases were notified in the Colony during the week ended December 7th:—Cerebro-spinal fever, 2 (one death); enteric fever, 4. On Sunday and Monday 1 case (one death) of cerebro-spinal fever and 1 case of diphtheria were reported.

At the fortnightly meeting of the local Sanitary Board, yesterday, the President (Mr. A. Gibson) reported that a letter had been received from the Government on Saturday in reply to the resolutions carried, on the proposal of Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, at the last meeting *re* the Housing Problem and the depletion of the Sanitary Board staff. Upon being asked for a copy of the letter, our representative was informed that it could not be issued for publication until it had been circulated amongst the members of the Board.

The Hongkong branch of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild appeal to the Colony on behalf of some hundreds of Serbian refugees—men, women and children—about to pass through Hongkong on their way back to their own country, where they will be repatriated. These people have been destitute, and articles of any description—clothes, blankets, bedding, and toys for the children—will be welcomed. It is asked that donations be sent to the City Hall not later than this afternoon, marked "Serbian Refugees."

We are informed by the Portuguese Consul and by the Hongkong Government that the launch referred to in our report of a recent Marine Court case, headed "Armed Launch in British Waters," was not a Police launch from Macao, although the evidence given before the Magistrate stated that it was.

Dr. Sasaki, a Professor at the Medical College of Kyoto Imperial University, declares that the drugs available at present are often no better for a sufferer from influenza than mere consolation, and says that a few days' quiet rest in a warm room ought to cure influenza, unless pneumonia or other complications occur.

News was received in the Colony yesterday that the *Lok Sang*, which had run aground in the Hainan Straits, had been refloated and was steaming to Hongkong, which she should have reached in the early hours of this morning. The *Tung Shing*, which left for the scene with salvage gear yesterday morning, was recalled.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE SERVICES.

The Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, R.N., Hon. Treasurer of the Services' Entertainment Fund, acknowledges, with many thanks, the following contributions to Christmas Dinners Fund:—

Sir Paul Chater	$250
Mr. N. J. Stabb	100
C. E.	100
Mr. C. Thorne	25
A. D.	20
Mr. A. R. C. Newburgh	10
F. E. R.	5
	$510
Previously acknowledged	210
Total	$720

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Referring to the telegram dated dated Lisbon, 6th instant, published in your issue of yesterday, wherein it was stated that an attempt was made to shoot the President, Senhor Bernardino Machado, I would crave permission to inform you that the President of Portugal is not Senhor Machado. Senhor Sidonio Pæis is the President. He was elected by universal suffrage on the 28th April, and assumed office on the 9th May last. Senhor Bernardino Machado became President in 1915, but was deprived of office by a Decree dated 12th December, 1917, published in the Lisbon Government *Gazette*.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

E. M. V. R. DE SOUSA.
(Consul for Portugal.)

[We are glad to make the correction, and regret that it does not alter the fact that it was the President who was shot at.—ED. *H.D.P.*]

Hongkong, December 10th, 1918.

ARMED ROBBERY AT WEST POINT.

WOMEN GAGGED AND BOUND.

An armed robbery took place on Monday morning at West Point.

It appears that at 10.30 a.m. a knock was heard at No. 50, Han Wo Street, and a voice called out "You have a cubicle to let; I want to rent it, open the door." The chief tenant of the house thereupon opened the door and three men, armed with knives, rushed in. They entered the first cubicle, in which were three women and some children, seized the women by their throats, bound their hands behind their knees, and then inserted wooden gags into their mouths. After rendering the other inmates helpless, the robbers ransacked the premises and stole money and jewellery to the value of $94. They subsequently visited the chief tenant's cubicle and stole jewellery, to the value of about $11, making a total haul of $105 in jewellery and money.

The West Point Police are on the track of the men.

THEFT FROM NAVAL YARD.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese pleaded guilty to stealing a piece of brass, valued at 70 cents, from the Naval Yard.

It was stated that defendant had been employed in the yard for a few months. On Monday evening he was searched at the gate and the brass was found concealed in some cotton wool around his waist.

Mr. Melbourne passed sentenced of 21 days' hard labour.

THE WAR.

GERMANS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

GT. BRITAIN AND THE GERMAN COLONIES.

SPARTACUS PLOT TO OVERTHROW GERMAN GOVERNMENT:

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN BERLIN.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE STILL BOASTFUL.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COMING PEACE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT WILSON LEAVES FOR EUROPE.

WASHINGTON, December 4th.

President Wilson started out for Europe yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Robert Lansing, Mr. Henry White, Rear-Admiral Grayson and others, amidst the cheers of large crowds.

The party boards the *George Washington* to-day, and the steamer is sailing immediately.

President Wilson expects to be abroad for six weeks. Prior to the Conference, he will confer with Mr. Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau, Signor Orlando, and, probably, King Albert, discussing with them the salient points of the Peace Treaty.

He purposes visiting France, England, Italy, and Brussels, making a pilgrimage to a number of battle-fields. An American flotilla meets the *George Washington* off the French Coast, convoying her into port.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DECISIONS.

LONDON, December 4th.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Bootle, said that the British Government had long ago decided to recommend that the Allies demand the surrender of the ex-Kaiser for trial.

The Government had appointed a Committee to examine the question of Germany's ability to pay for the damage she had done.

It was further proposed that an Inter-Allied Committee should investigate what amount could be paid by Germany without injuring the Allies. When that is ascertained, steps would be taken to secure payment.

Mr. Bonar Law announced that the interned Germans would be repatriated at the conclusion of peace. No others would be allowed to enter.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

LONDON, December 5th.

Mr. Walter Long, in a speech at Trowbridge, said that not only must the Kaiser be tried, but Germany must pay to the last farthing what she could pay, if it took her thirty years.

He, however, would not be a party to calling upon Germany to pay a sum which would necessitate her receiving from us such an assurance as would enable her to begin her old game of dumping articles on our markets.

We must also see that the Germans in England went to their own country.

He rejoiced that they had made up their minds to extend Colonial preference to the Dominions, Crown Colonies, and Protectorates.

The Government offered Imperial preference unconditionally, and were determined that the Dominions and Dependencies should have preference wherever possible.

BRITISH COTTON TRADE.

UNPRECEDENTED PROFITS.

LONDON, December 9th.

Mr. F. W. Tattersall states that 40 cotton spinning companies, totalling 3,750,000 spindles, made a record profit of £2,576,314 during the twelve months which ended on November 30th—equalling over 34 per cent. on the share capital.

BRITISH EMPIRE'S RESOURCES.

AN EXAMPLE OF WASTEFULNESS.

LONDON, December 4th.

The Empire Resources Development Committee draws attention to a striking instance of wastefulness. The East African cedar forests contain probably the finest cedars in the world, suitable for pencil making, and would command a ready market. Nevertheless, this valuable timber is commonly used in East Africa for firewood.

The Committee points out that some years ago, Faber paid ten shillings per cubic foot for pencil cedar in Virginia and the supply was failing.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, December 9th.

Silver is quoted at 48 7-16d. The market is quiet and easier owing to the lower insurance.

EARLIER CABLES.

CROWN PRINCE INTERVIEWED.

DENIES RENUNCIATION OF THRONE.

NEW YORK, December 4th.

Interviewed by an Associated Press' Correspondent, at Mieringen, the German Crown Prince said that he had not renounced anything, nor signed any documents, but if the German Government decided to form a Republic he would be perfectly content to return to Germany as a simple citizen.

The Crown Prince professed his admiration of President Wilson, who, he was sure, would bring about a peace of justice for Germany. "Any humiliation of a nation of seventy millions will only leave a feeling of revenge. Such a nation cannot be crushed."

The Armistice terms were very severe, and almost impossible to execute, as the *Entente* were taking a large portion of the means of transportation.

LATER.

The Crown Prince declared that after the battle of the Marne he urged peace, even at the sacrifice of Alsace-Lorraine, but he was told to mind his own business by the Kaiser.

He opposed the war, and had not favoured the Verdun attacks, in which, however, he would have been successful the third time, if he had been supported.

General von Ludendorff was the mainspring of German military activities. General von Hindenburg was a mere figure-head.

POST-WAR PROBLEMS.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S VIEWS.

NEW YORK, December 4th.

Colonel Roosevelt, in the course of a statement, declared that it was the business of the United States to stand by the Allies. It should be conceded that Great Britain needs the most powerful Navy, with the United States next.

All Americans should be trained militarily, on the lines of the Swiss system.

The phrase, "freedom of the seas," cannot be interpreted to prevent the British Navy, in the event of a future war, repeating the tremendous service rendered in this war.

The British must keep the conquered Colonies.

He insisted upon the preservation of the Monroe doctrine, maintaining the right to close the Panama Canal to enemies in war time.

He concluded by saying that the United States had not done nearly as much as the British, French, and Italians in achieving the downfall of Germany.

THE ARMISTICE.

MORE ALLIED NAVAL DEMANDS.

AMSTERDAM, December 9th.

A telegram from Berlin states that the British Naval Armistice Delegation, headed by Admiral Sir Montagu Browning, will shortly be proceeding to Hamburg to inspect the *Entente* merchant vessels in German ports.

The *Entente* are demanding the surrender, by December 17th, of all interned merchant vessels and ships condemned by the Prize Courts, also all war vessels, including submarines and river craft, which have just been completed, or are under construction.

Germany protests that this goes beyond the Armistice.

CHAOTIC GERMANY.

BOLSHEVIST OUTBREAK IN BERLIN.

COPENHAGEN, December, 8th.

A telegram from Berlin states that when the arrest of the Executive Council was known, the troops of the Soldiers' Council, cheering Herr Liebknecht and shouting that Ebert and Scheidemann must retire, went in a procession to the Reichstag, where Herr Ledebour promised that their wishes would be considered.

Two other processions carried placards "Down with Hindenburg." Officers must have a Soldiers' Council," and demanded that Herr Ebert be handed over to them. The military charged the processions with the bayonet and then fired on them with machine-guns. Twenty-eight were killed and 40 wounded.

The *Vorwaerts* asserts that the Spartacus group is entirely responsible for the outbreak.

It is rumoured that the demonstrators intended to storm the Foreign Office and remove the Government.

WHEN THE SOVIET COMMITTEE WAS ARRESTED.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th.

A telegram from Berlin states that the Soviet Executive was sitting in the Reichstag building when a Lieutenant, commanding a detachment of the Guard of Pioneers, who stated that he was acting on Government orders, arrested the Committee.

It appears that the Lieutenant acted *bona fide*, but had been duped by three individuals, one of whom has been arrested. The other two, who are Foreign Office officials, have fled. The Lieutenant has been arrested.

ORGANISED ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

ZURICH, December 9th.

A telegram from Berlin states that it is evident that the riots were links in a well-prepared and organised attempt, by the Extremists, to overthrow the Government.

The Spartacus group have concentrated, in Berlin, the best organisers from the whole country.

The Government, however, have in readiness 10,000 troops of the Republican Guard.

The military now occupy the Invalider Strasse, many railway stations, the university, and other notable quarters.

The latest reports show that Sunday was passed quietly.

FIGHTING AT BRUNSWICK.

AMSTERDAM, December 9th.

The *Weser Zeitung* reports that a bloody encounter occurred at Brunswick between the Red Guards and the famous Black Hussars, returning from the front. The latter, following their commander's lead, fired on a Municipal deputation which had been sent to welcome them. The Red Guards replied. The infuriated populace dragged the officers from their horses and forced them to march in a procession along the streets.

THE REPUBLIC OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

AMSTERDAM, December 9th.

A telegram from Hamburg states that the Republic of Schleswig-Holstein, within the German Empire, is about to be proclaimed.

AMERICANS HASTENING TO COBLENZ.

LONDON, December 9th.

American troops are hastening in trains to Coblenz, where Bolshevism is rampant.

GERMANS TO THE LAST.

WANTON DESTRUCTION ON THEIR RETURN HOME.

PARIS, December 9th.

The Northern Railway Company reports that the retreating Germans destroyed 1,731 bridges, 838 stations, and practically the whole of the telegraphic and telephonic lines. The tracks were demolished in six mile strips. Timed mines are still exploding.

WAR PRISONERS.

M. CLEMENCEAU THREATENS GERMANY.

PARIS, December 8th.

M. Clemenceau has sent, by wireless, a threatening Note to Germany regarding the attacks on war-prisoners.

GENERAL MACKENSEN'S ARMY.

TO SURRENDER TO THE FRENCH.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th.

A telegram from Budapest states that General Mackensen's troops in the Herrmanstadt area will surrender their arms to the French. General Mackensen and some others will surrender to the Hungarian authorities.

THE ALLIED OCCUPATION.

CEREMONIOUS ENTRY INTO METZ.

METZ, December 8th.

There were scenes of indescribable joy on the occasion of President Poincare's ceremonious entry. The President, who was accompanied by Lord Derby and other Allied Diplomats, was received by Marshal Foch, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Petain, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, and General Pershing.

It was a moving moment when President Poincare publicly clasped and embraced M. Clemenceau.

The Americans and French participated in an imposing parade, after which a procession went through the City, which was elaborately decorated.

The populace pelted the carriages with flowers.

ENTRY INTO COLOGNE ACCELERATED.

AIX LA CHAPELLE, December 9th.

A British detachment, consisting of two machine-gun brigades, accelerated the entry into Cologne, which was effected two days before the scheduled time, in response to the Burgomaster's appeal to hasten and bring about the cessation of the disturbances. The Soviets had tried to overthrow the civil authorities.

BRITISH REACH THE RHINE.

LONDON, December 9th.

Sir Douglas Haig states, in a *communiqué*:—

The British have reached the Rhine between Cologne and Godesberg.

JAPANESE CHARTER-RATES DURING THE WAR.

At present (says the *Japan Chronicle*) charter rates stand at Y.35 or Y.36 for vessels of large size, at about Y.30 for those of medium size, and at Y.23 to Y.25 for those of small size (for coasting service). These rates show remarkable advances in comparison with per-war figures. The following table shows the changes in charter rates since 1914 up to September last:—

	Yen.	Yen.	Yen.
1914.			
January	1.65	——	——
March	1.75	——	——
August	2.00	——	——
September	2.20	——	——
1915.			
January	1.25	——	——
May	3.50	3.25	2.50
September	5.50	4.50	3.75
November	8.00	6.00	4.50
December	9.00	8.00	6.00
1916.			
January	12.00	8.00	8.00
April	19.00	16.00	3.00
August	15.00	11.00	8.00
September	13.00	10.00	7.00
December	15.00	13.00	11.00
1917.			
January	15.00	13.50	11.50
May	30.00	25.00	21.00
August	42.00	41.00	38.00
October	33.00	32.00	25.00
December	35.00	27.00	18.00
1918.			
January	35.00	29.00	20.00
June	47.00	38.00	27.00
September	40.00	32.00	24.00

It will be seen that the greatest boom in the shipping market in Japan since the outbreak of the war was witnessed by about August of last year. There has since been a decline owing to the promulgation in October last year of the War-time Shipping Control Act, which placed restrictions on the chartering or selling of Japanese steamers to foreigners.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA REQUESTS RECALL OF DUTCH MINISTER.

LONDON, December 9th.

China has demanded the recall of the Dutch Minister at Peking, who has been a very active pro-German. He intimidated the Chinese from interning the Germans, and liquidating the German banks. He tried to prevent the deportation of the Germans to Australia alleging that the Germans in Australia were ill-treated.

The Chinese yielded to his threats because they feared reprisals on the 700,000 Chinese in the Dutch Indies.

The Dutch Minister at Bangkok is also charged with attempting to sow discord between the Allies and neutrals.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

THE OLIVE BRANCH.

President Hsu Shih-chang will issue a proclamation cancelling the arrests of the Southern leaders.

CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Luk Ching-chang, the Chinese envoy to the Peace Conference in Europe, has reported that he arrived in Tokio on the 7th instant.

Owing to Luk's refusal to meet visitors in Japan, the Chinese Minister in Tokio reports that he has received many requests from the Japanese for an explanation of this attitude. The President has ordered Luk, therefore, to exchange views with the Japanese, and to visit the Emperor for consultation upon certain questions.

Wu Chiu-shu, Dr. Wu Ting-fang's son, is requested to accompany Luk Ching-chang to the Peace Conference in Europe.

CANTON NEWS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

CANTON, December 10th.

COMPLAINTS OF THE CENSORSHIP.

The Post Master-General in Canton has urged the authorities to abolish the censorship, failing which postal affairs will be adversely affected.

WOLFRAM EXPORTATION.

It is reported that the wolfram exporters have suffered considerable loss, as the price of wolfram has dropped from $70 or $80 to $4 or $5 per picul since the Armistice was signed in Europe. The wolfram exporters, therefore, held a meeting the other day, and decided to establish a big company and export direct to foreign nations.

PUBLIC GARDENS IN CANTON.

As it has been decided to lay out two public gardens in Canton, the Civil Governor, Chak Wong, has offered to cover the expenses of the first garden, and the Tuchun, Mok Wing-son has agreed to pay for the second garden.

PACIFIST SOCIETIES.

Many Pacifist-socities have been established in Fatshan, Swatow, Wuchow, and other places. The authorities prohibited the formation of such societies but are powerless, as the people everywhere long for peace.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

A merchant has been permitted to establish an electric light Company in Chiuchow, and it is expected that the place will be lighted shortly.

LUNG'S LEADER CONDEMNED.

Lung's leader, Li Chiu-bing, who was arrested and handed over to the Canton leaders by his own followers for having applied to his own use a considerable amount provided for military expenditure, has been tried by a special tribunal and convicted of embezzlement. He has been ordered to refund the money, failing which he will be shot.

[FROM THE CANTON INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.]

CANTON, December 9th.

A telegram has been received from the Premier of the *de facto* Government at Peking, Chien Neng-hsun, addressed to the seven Administrative Directors of the Military Government at Canton, stating that Peking agrees to hold a Peace Conference and suggests that each side send ten delegates. It further suggests that the Conference be held at Nanking instead of at Shanghai, as proposed by the Military Government.

THE NAVY MAN'S PAY.

WORSE OFF THAN IN 1914.

[BY LIONEL YENLEY, EDITOR OF "THE FLEET."]

During the past few weeks the Admiralty Press Bureau has issued several *communiqués* regarding concessions to the warrant officers and others of the Navy. These, however, only touch the outside of a problem which resolves itself into "more pay."

One imagines that the general public scarcely realises how little has come to the Navy in the shape of increased pay since war started: this, however, may be claimed—the average naval man is infinitely worse off to-day than he was in August, 1914.

This is bad enough for the single man; for the married man (and the Navy is a much-married service), it is tragic. I spend a good deal of my time with and among blue-jackets, and am allowed to enter more closely into their affairs than most people, and right behind the scenes one comes across little tragedies that are never allowed to appear on the surface.

These are days of phenomenally high prices, the result, or largely the result, of phenomenally high wages; every increase of wages to the civilian worker penalises the naval man, because of the rise in prices that follows, especially as regards clothes and household necessaries.

Let us take the case of a married man in the Grand Fleet, with, say, two young children. The separation allowance and regulation allotment are quite inadequate to support these and keep the home going, so there are constant calls from home for more money. He has his mess bills and other things to meet; his pay is very meagre, so there comes a time when no more money can be sent. The wife has two alternatives—sell up the home or go to work. She prefers the latter, and so the little ones have to be farmed out to a creche. In due course the husband gets a few days' leave, expecting to enjoy some rest and the comforts of home. What does he find?—the wife at work and the kiddies away. There is no home for him, and instead of enjoying his leave and returning to his ship refreshed by the change, he goes back with a feeling the reverse of gratitude to the powers that be!

One would not like to convey the impression that nothing has been done for the men of the lower deck since war started—the very reverse is the case. The trouble is that what has been done has never been sufficiently done; where civilian workers have received shillings naval men have received pennies, and the excuse always is "The Treasury." Cost may be something, but the naval man's point of view is surely worth some consideration.

A petty officer put that point of view succinctly when quite recently he said to me:—"Here am I risking my life night and day all the year round, except for the few days' leave I get occasionally. Am I not as much entitled to enough pay to keep my wife and family decently, with a few shillings left over to spend on myself, as these civilian workers who take no risks and have all night in?"

A concession here and a concession there would certainly wipe out the ragged fringes. What is really wanted is a 25 per cent. increase in all rates of pay. Even then the Navy would be a very long way from being well paid.—*Daily Express.*

SERVICES' ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

A GLANCE OF ITS WORK FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

Subscribers to the above Fund may be interested to know something of its activities since the last report was published early in October, 1918:—

Outings.—Eight half-day outings and two day-trips were arranged during October.

Whist-Drives.—Seven very successful drives have been held, prizes, smokes and light refreshments being provided by the fund on each occasion.

Concerts.—Eight concerts have been arranged, light refreshments and smokes being provided on these occasions.

"At Homes."—Eight hundred men of both Services have been present at the Sunday afternoon "At Home," held weekly from 4 to 5.30 p.m. at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home during the months of October and November. Also, 200 men have been provided with refreshments at the weekly concert held at the above Institution.

Outdoor Games.—The sum of $700 has been distributed to the Navy and Army in providing footballs, cricket gear, hockey sticks, tennis racquets, nets, balls, etc.

Indoor Games.—Two hundred dollars have been expended in providing punch-balls, billiard cues, Badmington sets, boxing gloves, chess and other indoor games for men stationed at out-lying stations.

Travelling.—A large number of men have been assisted in the matter of travelling. This expenditure is carefully regulated, and is a very great help to those men who are stationed outside Hongkong.

Writing Material.—Paper and envelopes for 1,800 letters have been supplied to the Royal Navy and the different garrisons, including the hospitals.

In conclusion, very hearty thanks are extended to those who have given donations or lent assistance in other ways, and especially to the monthly subscribers who for so long have provided the income of the Fund. Without this regularly sustained and most generous support, the Fund could not have been the success which it has undoubtedly proved.

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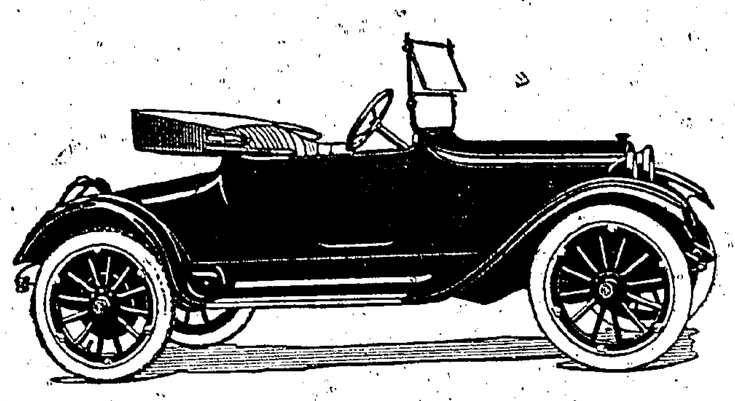

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[BY CHARLES T. KING.]

A large slice of Washington, D.C., has been planted in the West End of London.

Washington, the capital of the United States, has D.C. put after it because there are so many places named after George Washington that the greatest one has to be distinguished by initials meaning "District of Columbia." Opposite the garden wall of Buckingham Palace there is a great row of mansions in which the American Embassy has grown to such enormous proportions that the region is being called the District of Columbia.

When I used to call at the American Embassy and see successive Ambassadors, including John Hay, Joseph Hodges Choate, and Whitelaw Reid, the Embassy was lodged in a few rooms in a part of one house in Victoria-street. The size to which the American Embassy has grown is such that the sight of it to-day, as it swallows one noble West End mansion after another, would make previous Ambassadors gasp. The Embassy now fills practically the whole of one side of Grosvenor-gardens from end to end, with a great building across the way thrown in.

With characteristic American hustle—which does not always mean noise—the Embassy has knocked doorways through the walls of mansion after mansion, in order that naval and military attachés, experts in international law, decipherers of code cablegrams, clerks, typists, armed patrols, admirals, messengers, American manufacturers, Government officials, war historians, strategists, tacticians, and others workers in this vast Columbia District factory may get about as quickly as possible to speed up the winning of the war.

If you are sauntering along Grosvenor-gardens about lunch time you may see bedecked naval officers—Admiral Sims and others—millionaires, and high officials democratically trotting down the stone steps of the servants' area. This is the quickest way to the dining-rooms, which, under a French *chef*, have been put in what, in peace days, were the servants' quarters in the basement. With true American love for the Old English, this restaurant is all pewter, dark oak, silver, steel engravings, willow-pattern plates, and restfulness. The restaurant on the spot saves time.

So far from the Embassy being a place of rest, the work goes on twenty-four hours a day. All through the night there are staffs at work dealing with all sorts of things just in from the State Department at Washington, from the war fields on sea and land, and from all sorts of offices of the Allied Governments.

Even the stonework that divided up the outside balcony between the different mansions has been taken away in order that the staffs may cut about from house to house without loss of time.

OIL FOR THE NAVY.

DERBYSHIRE BORING BEGINS.

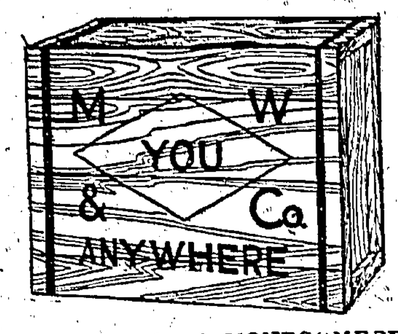
Machinery for drilling for oil for the Navy is being rapidly erected by Lord Cowdray on two sites near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and operations on the first bore will be begun by American experts in a few weeks, says the *Daily Mail*.

Lord Cowdray, head of the firm of S. Pearson and Sons, in March offered to spend £500,000 in boring for oil on condition that the work would be protected by legislation from indiscriminate drilling. The Government accepted the offer, appointed Messrs. Pearson as its agents, and passed the Petroleum (Production) Bill, prohibitiong persons other than its agents from searching for or getting petroleum in the United Kingdom.

An oil mining expert recently said that the cost of drilling a single bore under the most favourable conditions would be between £30,000 and £40,000. Oil in Derbyshire is most likely to be found at a depth of about 2,000ft. A bore for this depth will be started with a hole 15in. in diameter, finishing up at the bottom at about 6in. or 8in. It is a most skilful and delicate operation, and any carelessness on the part of the drillers or the breaking of the drill may result in the bore having to be abandoned after weeks of work.

It is hoped to get from the Derbyshire bores a crude oil heavily charged with benzine (motor fuel), paraffin and other valuable by-products, which will be "drawn off" (distilled) before the heavier product is sent to the Admiralty for naval use as fuel.

Lord Cowdray, it is understood, considers the success of the venture to be of such great national importance that he is prepared to spend to £1,000,000 on his own account before he will abandon the scheme. At present the entire business and geological staff and premises of Messrs. Pearson have been placed without charge at the service of the Government.



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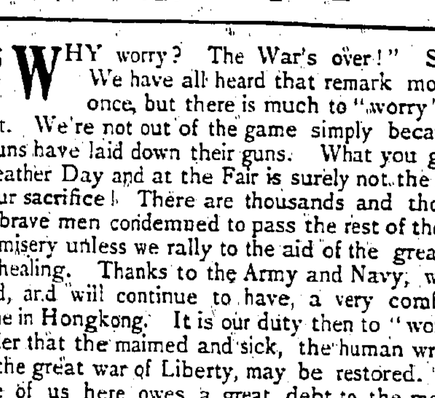

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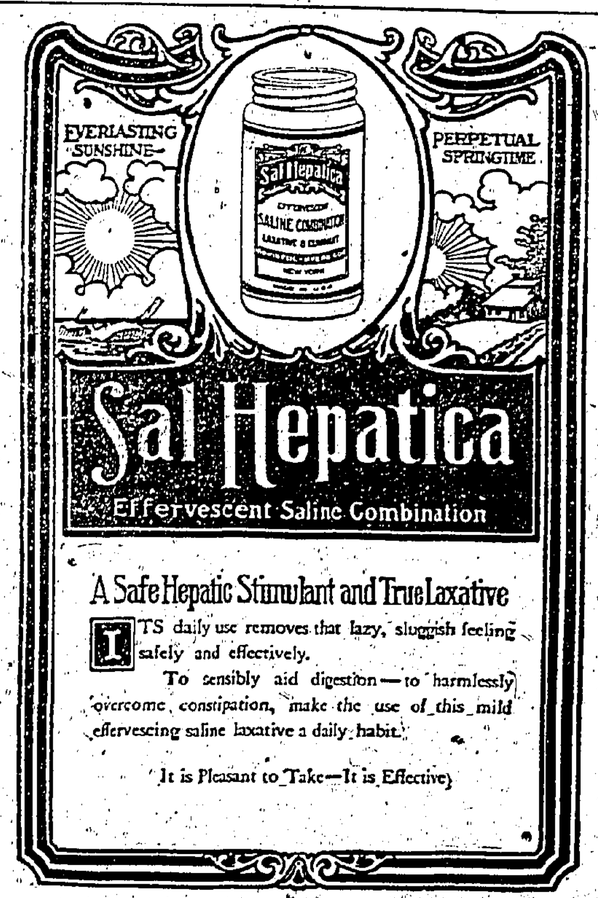

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Among the many stories of energy and determination that have marked the heroic efforts of the British Merchant Navy to carry on the essential business of the Empire during the war, none is more worthy of record than the story of the adventures of the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s steamer *Cardium*.

The *Cardium* left Suez at daylight on August 1st, having been delayed for the main feed pump ram to be "skimmed" up. The engineers had been working night and day to get it into place. Next morning, twenty-four hours out of Suez, the vessel was only making eight knots, the Chief Engineer reporting that he could not keep water in the boilers and had to use salt feed."

August 3rd, the Chief Engineer reported that they could not steam on the liquid fuel received at Suez, not being able to heat it to the required temperature for burning. This fuel was found to carbonise thickly and settled in such a solid mass, like black concrete, on the bottom of the furnaces, that it resisted all attempts to remove it, and led to no end of broken "slices" and tools, and also to the other and more alarming danger of fire.

THE FIRST FIRES.

On this very day there was a fire in the stokehold, which was put out with sand. At noon next day the engines had to be stopped to overhaul feed pumps, as they were putting no water into the boilers. Ship stopped for 11½ hours. A second fire in the stokehold put out with sand. Lumps of solid carbon from the furnaces produced and the Chief Engineer recommended making for the nearest port, as it was impossible to get steam on the boilers, the fuel would not burn in the furnaces, though it was unreasonable enough to burn elsewhere. Steaming with two boilers at four knots only.

THE SECOND FIRE.

On August 5th trouble with fuel continued. On 6th at 10.30 p.m. a serious fire was reported from the stokehold. All hands ordered to fire stations, all fuel supply to furnaces and stokehold to be cut off by the master valve on the Fiddley top. When it was proved that the fire could not be got under with sand and chemical extinguishers, all openings to stokehold were closed, steam emergency valve opened, engines and auxiliaries stopped, except engine supplying water to deck. Dense clouds of smoke issued from all apertures. Water tight bulkhead between engine room and stokehold proved not to be water tight. Engine room temporarily abandoned at 0.15 a.m. on August 7th.

Then commenced a heroic struggle to get the engines back at work. There was only 14lb. pressure on the boilers, as discovered when the smoke had been cleared away sufficient to get in. All attempts to raise steam proved futile. They tried heating the oil and getting the fire to burn by hand gear, but it was useless. By this time the water was ankle deep in the stokehold and engine room. Sea cocks and connections were shut off, except the sea cock on the ship's side for the ash cooling cock, on which a coal furnace front had fallen and jammed the spindle.

THE "CARDIUM" DRIFTS.

The steamer was now drifting towards Zabayir Island and the situation was becoming serious. The tank steamer *Lucigen*, coming south, was spoken to and entrusted with a letter to Perim, which called upon all Anglo-Saxon steamers within wireless call and passing through the Red Sea that the *Cardium* was drifting about and in need of assistance.

On the evening of August 7th the vessel was drifting towards Quoin Island. The sea here is 300 fathoms deep until within a few cable lengths of the Island, and the water in the engine room was still gaining, being by now nine feet above plates. The steamer settling by the stern, No. 3 tank was run into No. 8 tank.

At half past six a steamer was sighted and signals hoisted and calls made on the emergency wireless, meeting with no response and the ship passed by. But the Captain by careful observations noted that the drift was altering and the steamer was edging past the danger. It had been decided to convert the donkey boiler to coal, having twelve tons of galley coal on board. All night long the engineers were at work on this, all deck hands assisting when possible.

GETTING THE PUMPS TO WORK.

The next four days were most strenuous, for the engineers especially. Every possible device had to be resorted to to get the pumps to work, for the engine room was twenty-five feet deep in water and oil. The chief engineer endeavoured to break the cover of the ballast donkey and in order to do this he had to dive down six feet under water and oil, remain as long under water as possible and try to work back the bolts holding the cover. The log laconically remarks it was a "very dangerous and plucky thing to do."

The steamer was now drifting towards another island, and was in 34 fathoms of water, with good soft bottom, drifting towards Jebel Abayll, nine miles distance. So starboard anchor was let go. The trouble was that the ship was 45 miles out of the track of shipping.

On the evening of the 10th, the Chief was successful in his attempt with the ballast pumps and set the same going in good style. All the coal was exhausted and the flooring of cross bunkers, sprinkled with oil, was used as fuel.

CLEANING UP.

By next morning the engine room was clear of water, the missing leak discovered, and all hands at work in engine-room up to 10 p.m." And all next day, for everything had a thick black coating of oil fuel to twenty feet above the plates. The Captain judged for himself of the quantity and nature of the fuel trouble,

(*Continued at foot of next column.*)

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"We have had three months of concentrated excitement," said Mr. Salisbury-Jones. "Our vessel was three times on the rocks; we encountered eight enemy submarines, and we learned what it was like to be shivered and shaken by depth-charges.

"Our Foreign Office, however, gave us the protection of the British flag. What that means the country will shortly learn, and the knowledge will be surprising.

"There was a likelihood until recently that the Foreign Office would fail to recognise the extraordinary value of Spitzbergen, not only as a coal and iron El Dorado of well-nigh illimitable possibilities, but also as a position of immense tactical advantage in war.

"Now, happily, Spitzbergen will never be another Heligoland to this country. On the contrary, it will be Britain's Arctic Gibraltar, the northern entrance to our islands, for it possesses the most magnificent deep-water harbours I have ever seen in my world travels.

"The Germans have been thoroughly alive to these advantages. They nearly stole a march on us there. Prince Henry of Prussia and Count Zeppelin were in Spitzbergen in July, 1912. In 1913 Fritz had got his foot down in the island. Now, all the German pioneer apparatus is in our hands, including a big wireless installation.

"Our vessel carried large numbers of miners, enormous quantities of mining material, and three and a half years' food supply. The huts of these hardy Britons are dotted to-day all over Spitzbergen—a country, roughly, about the size of England.

"The pioneers are working under the direction of Captain Wild, who was second in command of the Shackleton expedition. He has been released by the Admiralty for this all-important work.

"When I tell you that Swedish experts estimate that there are twenty-two milliards of tons of iron in Spitzbergen, you may realise how all-important it is.

"There are from thirty to fifty miles of mountains containing the richest iron in the world. As for coal, vast seams of it are visible on the hillsides. Both the coal and the iron are easily and cheaply mined by quarrying and tunnelling, not by costly pits, as in England.

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"All the same, those neutrals are now confining their activities to a comparatively little space in the island. British interests, thanks to our Navy, have gained the upper hand. Germany's are non-existent.

"Do not imagine that Spitzbergen is merely one great iron and coal field. It has a delightful climate, with conditions approximating to those of the Alpine health resorts, and I should not be surprised if it became some day a first-class sanatorium for consumptives."

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the furnaces being half full of deposit as hard as concrete and very difficult to get out, this also explaining the cause of the fire, the burning oil running back under the boilers. The water tight bulkhead had several holes in it; it was buckled by the recent fire, and the bearer bars were buckled.

Cleaning up went on till August 15th, and fires were set for one boiler. No use. The boiler developed a big leak and at night "the engineers were utterly fagged out, this terrible heat (95 deg. Fah) combined with the covering from head to foot in oil fuel night and day is telling on them."

FURTHER DANGERS.

So the struggle went on. Repairs were tried on the starboard boiler and the wind freshened, with a choppy sea. Four hours after the starboard boiler was got to work, another fire broke out, more serious than ever, raging severely all night, and the situation was becoming critical.

THE LAST FIRE.

On August 17th the S.O.S. was again sent out on the emergency wireless. The fire continued to burn fiercely, the starboard hull plating becoming red hot, and to the consternation of all it was found that there was but four days' water supply on short rations. The life-boat was manned by volunteers, including the 2nd and 3rd officers, 3rd engineer and junior Marconi man. The boat was to make for the track of shipping east of Hanish Island.

The fire burned fiercely all night and everything was unbearably hot in its vicinity. Sent up distress signals at intervals.

On August 18th a three masted steamer, the *Africa* of Bombay, came up close to the *Cardium*, and bumped into her. The *Africa* struggled all day to tow the *Cardium*, breaking an eight and a seven inch hawser and at nightfall a strong northerly breeze sprang up. The *Africa* was totally unable to handle the *Cardium*, towed her only twelve miles, and then went to Aden with a letter for assistance.

In the meantime the fire had burnt itself out and help was at hand. The life boat made Abu Ali lighthouse and signalled to one of H.M.S. ships. She brought up with her a colleague and on August 24th the tow into Perim began. It was difficult enough as the vessel would not steer, but anyhow the *Cardium* was riding to her own anchor at even of August 21st.

The subsequent long tow of the *Cardium* to Singapore was also a good piece of work, a long and difficult task, but nothing compared with those three weeks in the Red Sea.

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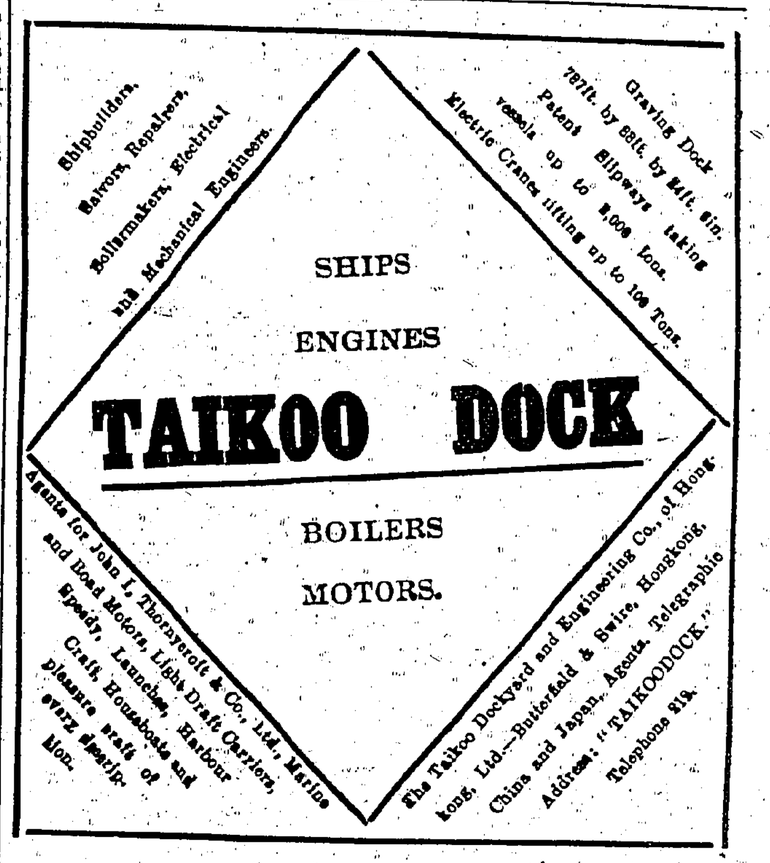

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ARRIVALS.

December 9th.

Admiral Sims, American str., 1,612 tons, Capt. Faria, from Guam, with a cargo of lumber.

Patroit, British str., 1,604 tons, Capt. Le Brun, from Chin Wan Koo, with a cargo of coal.

Pierre Michel, French str., 197 tons, Capt. Roses, from Haiphong, with a cargo of rice.

Shun Cheong, Chinese str., 235 tons, Capt. Xavier, from Macao, with a general cargo.

Umpata Maru, Japanese str., 312 tons, Capt. Takahashi, from Tientsin, no cargo.

December 10th.

Heiwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,484 tons, Capt. Rikiman, from Wakamatsu, with a cargo of coal.

Kifuku Maru, Japanese str., 2,339 tons, Capt. Myahira, from Ching Wan Tao, with a cargo of coal.

Sakki Maru, No. 3, Japanese str., 376 tons, Capt. Rabu, from Ching Wan Tao, with a cargo of coal.

Sakura Maru, Japanese str., 672 tons, Capt. Sakura, from Dairen, with a cargo of beans.

Trinquet, Dutch str., 1,095 tons, Capt. Vigiboom, from Borneo, with a cargo of bulk oil.

CLEARANCES.

December 10th.

Asu, for Haiphong.
Chuen On, for Haihow.
Dorn, for Bangkok.
Hok Canton, for Hongay.
Kosuta, for Manila.
Kushu Maru, for Kobe.
Nam Kum, for Haiphong.
Singan, for Shanghai.
Tai Sz Ma, for Haiphong.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 10th, at 12.09.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostock and the Philippines. Pressure has decreased considerably over N. China and slightly elsewhere. The anti-cyclone has moved eastwards, and the monsoon will be interrupted to the north of Foochow; it continues to blow freshly over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0·01 inch. Total since January 1st, 101·48 inches, against an average of 82·32 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

District	Forecast.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds moderate; fair
Formosa Channel	North winds, fresh.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 10th, a.m.

Station.	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Vladivostock	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishigakijima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	30·32	38	72	S	4	c
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30·27	46	97	E	2	r
Gutzlaff	"	30·22	50	88	E	4	r
Sharp Peak	"	30·09	58	88	NW	1	o
Amoy	"	30·09	64	84	W	2	o
Swatow	"	30·09	63	89	NNE	1	o
Taihoku	5 a.	30·04	64	98	E	2	b
Taichu	"	30·05	61	—	—	0	b
Tainan	"	30·04	63	—	N	2	b
Koshun	"	30·00	70	—	—	0	o
Pescadores	"	30·05	64	—	NNE	6	o
Canton	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	od
Hongkong	"	30·08	63	95	ENE	3	c
Gap Rock	"	30·04	—	—	ENE	5	c
Macao	"	30·04	63	86	E	2	r
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	29·98	66	98	E	4	o
Tourane	"	29·85	72	—	SE	2	b
CapeSt. James	"	29·87	73	—	E	4	b
Aparri	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dagupan	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legaspi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tacloban	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	4.30	—	—	—	—	—	—
Labuan	6 a.	29.76	76	95	SW	4	b

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1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degree Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.
7. RAIN, in inches, t tenths and hundredths.

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SAN FRANCISCO &c.	BILLITON	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	On 2nd inst.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS via JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—		TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan.
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For further particulars, sailing dates, etc apply to E. V. D. PARR, Superintendent.

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BELAWAN DELI, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "VAN CLOON" having arrived from above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th, instant at 10 A.M. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, December 6th, 1918. [2771

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW and SINGAPORE	"LINAN"	On 12th Dec. 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 12th Dec. Noon.
SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 14th Dec. 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 17th Dec. Noon.

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Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.

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DESTINATION	STEAMER & DISPLACEMENT	SAILING DATES
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	§ † TAMBA MARU ... 12,510 tons	TUES. 17th Dec 11 A.M.
	§ † KAMAKURA MARU 13,410 tons	TUES. 17th Dec. 11 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	† NIKKO MARU ... 9,600	SUN. 22nd Dec. 11 A.M.
	† KITANO MARU ... 15,980	SAT. 18th Jan. 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	§ YOROPPA MARU No. 2 7,000	SAT. 14th Dec.
	§ SHINCHIKU MARU ... 7,000	TUES. 24th Dec.
LONDON or LIVERPOOL VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	† KAGA MARU ... 12,3000	WED. 18th Dec. at 11 A.M.
	† YOKOHAMA MARU 12,340	MON. 30th Dec. at 11 A.M.
MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURS. I., TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE & SYDNEY	† TANGO MARU 13,760	TUES. 31st Dec. at 11 A.M.
NEW YORK VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SAN FRANCISCO and PANAMA CANAL		
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	TENSHIN MARU ... 8,470	SAT., 4th Jan.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON	YEBOSHI MARU 8,600	FAL 13th Dec.

§ Omitting Shanghai and/or Moji. † Wireless telegraphy.

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†‡ KASHIMA MARU ... SAT., 21st Dec., at 11 A.M.

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
SHINYO MARU	22,000	THURS., 19th Dec.
KOREA MARU	20,000	17th Jan. 1919.
SIBERIA MARU	20,000	30th Jan. "
TENYO MARU	22,000	8th Feb. "

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
KIYO MARU	17,200	Jan., 9th, 1919.

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GENOA—Monthly service. Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading with transhipment at Bombay to Company's steamer.

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"GANGES MARU" Wednesday, 18th December.

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MAURITIUS, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN.
"INDUS MARU" Tuesday, 31st Dec., at Noon.

BOMBAY COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.
"KENKON MARU" Friday 20th December, Noon.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe (via Negapatam)	*Kiangsang* ...	10th Dec
U.S.A. (via Manila)	*Shinyo Maru* ..	11th Dec.
Shanghai	*Dunera*	11th Dec

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below, unless otherwise stated.

For	Per	Date	
*Saigon	*Tatsuta*	Wednesday, 11th,	9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	*Hirado Maru* ...	Wednesday, 11th,	9.00 A.M.
Samshui	*Mausang*	Wednesday 11th,	2.00 P.M.
Saigon	*Benue Maru* ..	Wednesday, 11th,	3.00 P.M.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China ..	*Esang*	Wednesday, 11th,	5.00 P.M.
Saigon	*Nias*	Wednesday, 11th,	5.00 P.M.
*Saigon	*Manavouri* ..	Wednes ay, 11th,	5.00 P.M.
*Swatow and *Straits	*Linan*	Thursday, 12th,	8.00 A.M.
Formosa via Keelung and *Japan via Kobe	*Sakai Maru No. 3*	Thursday, 12th,	9.00 A.M.
Swatow	*Van Cloon* ...	Thursday, 12th	10.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	*Sunning*	Thursday, 12th,	11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, *India, via Dhanushkodi Bombay, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Suez	*Dunera* ...	Thursday, 12th, Registration Letters	1.45 P.M. 2.30 P.M.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Wednesday, 11th Dec., at 5 P.M.			
Shanghai and North China	*Wosang*	Thur. day, 12th,	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Friday, 13th,	1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	*Loongsang* ...	Friday, 13th,	2.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, and India via Calcutta ..	*Kwosang* ...	Saturday, 14th,	2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	*Yingchow*	Saturday, 14th,	5.0 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Keelung	*Kaijo Maru* ...	Sunday, 15th,	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	*Siakiang*	Tuesday 17th,	11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haitan*	Tuesday, 17th,	1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, *United States, *Central and South America, and Europe via Canada ...	*Fushimi Maru*	Wednesday, 18th, Registration Letters ...	9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and Europe vi. San Francisco ...	*Shinyo Maru*	Thursday, 19th, Registration Letters ...	9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe, via Vancouver.	*Montcalm* ...	Tuesday, 24th, Registration ... Letters	9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

For	On Week-Days.	On Sundays & Holidays
Tai O	Noon	11.00 A.M.
Tai Po	10.00 A.M.	10.00 A.M.
Cheung Chow	10.30 A.M. 2.30 P.M.	11.00 A.M.
Shataukok, Shatin, Sheungshui, Autau, Bing Shan and Santin...	4.00 P.M.	11.00 A.M.
Aberdeen, Sai Kung and Stanley ...	4.30 P.M.	11.00 A.M.
Canton and Samshui	7.30 A.M. Regis 5.00 P.M. Letters 6.00 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Wuchow	4.00 P.M.	4.00 P.M.
Macao	1.75 A.M.	9.00 A.M.
Kongmoon	1.30 P.M. 6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	5.00 P.M.
Namtau and Sanmei	6.00 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Shamchun	10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M.	10.00 A.M.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 10th

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.04	30.08	29.97
Temperature ...	68	63	68
Humidity ...	80	95	79
Wind Direction ...	East	ENE	East
,, Force ...	4	2	4
Weather	o	od	o
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open-air Temperature on 9th 67
Lowest open-air Temperature on 10th ... 63

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From 11th to 17th December, 1918

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water H'kong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water H'kong Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed.	11	m 2 0	5 4	m 9 18	2 3
		4 2 a	5 4	9 12 a	4 0
Thurs.	12	m 3 38	5 8	m 10 13	2 7
		4 49 a	5 9	11 2 a	3 6
Fri.	13	m 5 6	5 4	m 11 4	3 0
		5 34 a	5 5		
Satur.	14	m 6 29	5 1	m 0 29	2 8
		6 17 a	7 1	m 11 46	3 2
Sun.	15	m 7 42	4 9	m 1 33	2 0
		8 59 a	7 7	0 25 a	3 4
Mon.	16	m 8 50	4 7	m 2 24	1 4
		7 42 a	8 1	1 3 a	3 5
Tues.	17	m 9 52	4 6	m 3 9	0 9
		8 24 a	8 3	1 42 a	3 6

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NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION of PERSONS ORDINANCE, 1916.

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Bank Bills, on demand	3/4⅝
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	3/4½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	3/4⅝
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/5½
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	3/5⅛
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	418½
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	453½
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	80
Credits, at 60 days' sight	—
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	223½
Bank Bills, on demand	224
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	223½
Bank Bills, on demand	224
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	—
On Yokohama.—On demand ...	151
On Manila.—On demand—Pesos ...	161½
On Singapore.—On demand ...	143
On Batavia.—On demand	188½
On Haiphong.—On demand... ...	14% p.m.
On Saigon.—On demand	1 % p.m.
On Bangkok.—On demand	45½
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate ...	$ 6.90
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	$43.40
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Hongkong ...20 cents. pieces...	$0.00	Premium
Hongkong ...10 ,, ...	$0 00	,,
Canton .....20 ,, ...	$2.88	Discount
Canton .....10 ,, ...	$0.00	,,

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

Noon—China Light & Power Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting.

TO-MORROW.

9 p.m.—Fancy Dress (Calico) Ball by the Hongkong Police Reserve at the City Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 14th:—
9 p.m.—Boxing at the City Hall.
Monday, Dec. 16th:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Public Works Dept.
Wednesday, Dec. 25th:—
Christmas Day.
Thursday, Dec. 26th:—
Boxing Day.

ON SALE.

A TABLE OF THE RATES OF EXCHANGE AT BOMBAY. For Demand Drafts on London on the day of or preceding the departure of the English Mails; also Table of the Yearly Approximate Average for 36 years.
Price ..... $2 Cash.
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For a limited time only anyone returning 5 empty "Commander" cigarette tins to the WESTMINSTER TOBACCO CO., LTD., 18, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, will receive free of all cost one of the famous Barribal Girl Paintings reproduced in Oils, Stretched on Canvas and Mounted on a Wooden frame.

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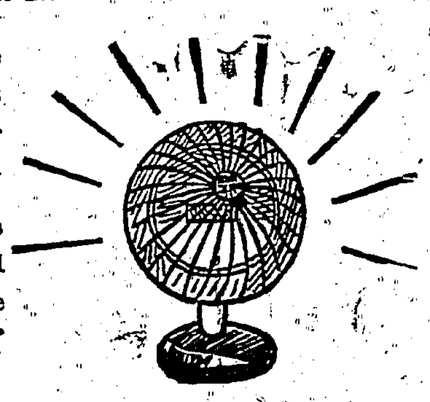
Visit our Electrical Show Room at 14, Des Vœux Road.

One centre ceiling light replaces four or five ordinary bulbs and gives a more diffused light with the "Brascolite" Fitting.



The cool season will soon be on us, so book your order in time for an economical and cheerful "Majestic" Radiator.

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BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE
(FRENCH BANK).

Head Office: 15bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.

Capital	Frs. 48,000,000
Reserves	,, 50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Battambang	Mongtze	Shanghai
Canton	Noumea	Singapore
Djibouti	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Phnom-Penh	Vladivostock
Hanoi	Pondichery	

BANKERS:

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England Ltd; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

A. SIRE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, October 21st, 1918. 1683

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

Subscribed Capital	Francs45,000,000
Paid Up ... ,,	,, 22,500,000
(1/3 of the Capital, i.e., Francs subscribed by the Government of the Chinese Republic.)	15,000,000
Chairman of the Board of Directors	André Berthelot
General Manager	A. J. Pernotte

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.

BRANCHES:

Peking	
Shanghai	Saigon
Tientsin	Haiphong
Hongkong	Yunnanfu

BANKERS:

In FRANCE: Société Général pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

In LONDON: London County Westminster & Parr's Bank, Ltd. London Joint City & Midland Bank Ltd.

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Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Special facilities for French exchange.

M. BOUET DE JOURNEL,
Manager.

Hongkong Branch,
Queen's Building,
5, Chater Road. Tel 2440.
Hongkong September 28th, 1918. 147

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.
(Taiwan Ginko).

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 30,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)...	,, 2,500,000
Reserve Funds	,, 5,620,000

HEAD OFFICE:
TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
FORMOSA—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Pinan, Shinchiku, Makung, Taichu, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui, Tohyen, Ako.
CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS—Hongkong, Singapore, Soerabaja Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS:
Capital and Counties Bank, London and South-Western Bank, Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Chosen, Japan, Indo China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

NAOKICHI YANAGITA,
Maganer.

Hongkong Branch,
3, Des Vœux Road.
Hongkong, August 30th 1918. [600

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 2nd 1914. 10

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.
Head Office—London.

Paid-up Capital	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	£2,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

T. C. DOWNING,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 16th, 1917. [41

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling £1,500,000, at 2/—	$15,000,000
Silver	$19,500,000
	$34,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

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Hongkong—N. J. Stabb, Esq.

Manager:
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, Esq

London Bankers:
LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

Hongkong Interest Allowed.

On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
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,, 12 ,, 4 ,, ,, ,,

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 18th, 1918. 9

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: 15, Gracechurch St., London

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed ,, ...	1,125,000
Paid-up ,, ...	562,500
Reserve Fund ,, ...	650,000

Bankers:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

Branches:

Bombay	Galle	Karachi	Penang
Calcutta	Hongkong	Kota Bhara	Rangoon
Colombo	Howrah	KualaLumpur	Shanghai
Delhi	Kandy	Madras	Singapore
Port Louis (Mauritius).			

Hongkong Branch.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. CHAMPKIN,
Acting Manager.

No. 7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, May 26th, 1916. [867

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